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# H. RES. 1609

Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 10, 2010

Mr. SESTAK (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, and Mr. PERRIELLO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

Whereas, on November 8, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, also known as the Jeanne Clery Act, as Title II of Public Law 101–542;

Whereas passage of the Jeanne Clery Act came about as a result of the tireless work of Connie and Howard Clery whose 19-year-old daughter Jeanne had been raped and murdered on April 5, 1986, in her university residence hall room by a fellow student she didn't know;

Whereas after Jeanne's murder, Connie and Howard Clery discovered a history of violent crime on their daughter's

campus of which students generally weren't aware, and after hearing from the victims of violent campus crimes across the United States, they discovered that violence on college campuses was a widespread problem and devoted the rest of their lives to making campuses safer;

Whereas in October 1987, Connie and Howard Clery co-founded Security On Campus, Inc., a national nonprofit organization based in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, devoted to educating the public about campus security and which continues to be the Nation's leading voice for the improvement of campus safety and the rights of campus crime victims;

Whereas when the Jeanne Clery Act took effect on September 1, 1991, for the first time institutions of higher education across the United States began the process of consistently releasing crime statistics and security policies to their current and prospective students or employees;

Whereas in 1992, the Jeanne Clery Act was amended to afford victims of sexual assault with assistance from their institution and fair treatment in disciplinary proceedings against their accused assailants;

Whereas, on October 7, 1998, President William J. Clinton signed into law the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, Public Law 105-244, which enhanced the Jeanne Clery Act's provisions and formally renamed it the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act in memory of the student who had inspired it;

Whereas the Jeanne Clery Act has fundamentally changed the dynamic of campus crime in the United States from an issue rarely discussed among prospective and current

students to one that can now be evaluated when selecting where to go to school and how to protect themselves once they are on campus;

Whereas from 1994 to 2004, the years immediately following enactment of the Jeanne Clery Act, there was a 9-percent drop in violent crime and a 30-percent drop in property crime on campuses, as well as a 5-percent increase in the base rate of pay for campus police according to the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics;

Whereas Security On Campus, Inc. has helped to advance compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act by working with the U.S. Department of Education to develop the plain language Handbook for Campus Crime Reporting, and by working with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime to develop the Jeanne Clery Act: A Collaborative Approach to Compliance training course which since 2007 has trained more than 2,000 college and university personnel;

Whereas in 2008, the Jeanne Clery Act was amended to require institutions to adopt emergency response procedures that include the capability to immediately notify the campus community in the event of a crisis such as an active shooter situation;

Whereas Connie Clery continues to work along with the board and staff of Security On Campus, Inc., to improve campus safety in memory of Jeanne Clery; and

Whereas Howard Clery continued this work until he passed away on January 1, 2008: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2               (1) recognizes that the Jeanne Clery Disclosure
- 3               of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Sta-

1        tistics Act has greatly contributed to the improve-  
2        ment of safety on the campuses of colleges and uni-  
3        versities across the United States;

4            (2) recognizes Security On Campus, Inc., for  
5        helping to advance the purposes of the Jeanne Clery  
6        Act; and

7            (3) encourages colleges and universities  
8        throughout the United States to provide campus  
9        safety and other crime awareness and prevention  
10       programs to all students throughout the year as a  
11       part of their compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act.

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